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Certificate of Authenticity

#1742

China 1897 ICP Lithographed \$2 Goose Perf 11½ in Block
of Four (Scott #96, Chan #102), Mint:



I have examined this block, which is illustrated above. It is absolutely genuine in all respects. With brilliant fresh colors and partially dried small part original gum.

Both of the block's righthand stamps are 3mm wider than those on the left, the largest examples of the \$2 that I have seen, suggesting that those oversized stamps are actually imperf along an 'interpanneau' margin, the only such variety I have seen on the \$2 stamp. In addition, the top-left stamp shows evidence of misplaced additional corner perforation.

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